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4/8/1998, now USPN 6,689,748, issued 2/10/2004

For: Anti-Inflammatory Composition for Treating Pelvic Endometriosis

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please replace the original title with --Anti-Inflammatory Composition for Treating Pelvic Endometriosis--

Prior to examination, please add after the title: --This application takes its priority from copending PCT/US02/00476, filed 01/03/2002, copending USSN 09/771,669, filed 01/30/2001, and USSN 09/056,707, filed 4/8/1998, now USPN 6,689,748, issued 2/10/2004

Prior to examination of the attached patent application, please delete claims 1-38 recited therein, and replace with the following new claims:

39. 40. A composition for protecting against the inflammatory components of pelvic endometriosis, said composition comprising anti-inflammatory effective amounts of a non-bovine, heavily-sulfated proteoglycan, one or more flavonoid compounds and hydroxyzine
40. 41. The composition of claim 40, wherein said proteoglycan is chondroitin sulfate.
41. 42. The composition of claim 40, wherein said flavonoid compound is quercetin, myricetin or genistein.
42. 43. The composition of claim 40, comprising, per day, 50-300 mg of chondroitin sulfate and quercetin or myricetin, 25-100 mg of hydroxyzine, and 150-600 mg of

olive kernel extract.

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44. A method of protecting pelvic tissues from the inflammatory components of endometriosis, comprising the administration of anti-inflammatory amounts of the composition of claim 40.

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45. A method of protecting pelvic tissues from the inflammatory components of endometriosis, comprising the administration of anti-inflammatory amounts of the composition of claim 43.

Remarks

It is the applicant's intent to limit the prosecution of this continuation-in-part/divisional patent application to claims for compositions and methods for protecting against the inflammatory components of pelvic endometriosis. All elements of these claims are supported in the specification.

To accentuate this limitation, the title of this application is also being amended, as recited above.

Respectfully submitted,

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